GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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ROADS UNDER SHADOW TOLL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India has established new roads under schemes like BOT and `Shadow Toll` System;

(b) if so, the details of the `Shadow Toll` system;

(c) the details of schemes implemented in the country so far; and

(d) the advantages of this system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) National Highways Authority of India has already implemented two schemes on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis and another two schemes are under implementation. No scheme has been taken up under shadow toll system.

(b) Under shadow toll system, the entrepreneur invests in creating facility and maintain it. Entrepreneur is paid by Government on the basis of usage of the facility. The concessionaire is not authorised to charge any toll in this system.

(c) No scheme has been implemented under shadow toll system.

(d) The advantage of the system is that it has potential to attract private sector investment by reducing some of its risks. The entrepreneur does not have the burden of toll collection and bears no risks of non-payment of toll by users.